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To: Chief, SR/W  
From: SR/W 2  
Subject: Peter ~~K~~ KARAPIN

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
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1. Subject is an oil engineer of Ukrainian background who had been working in the oil fields of Venezuela, and who was considered as a possible covert employee with this Agency. Since the undersigned was already in the Pittsburgh area, and since there was some question as to whether subject was still in Venezuela or back in the states, the undersigned was told to interview him, or to find out as to his whereabouts.

2. During the interview, (Sunday, 17 August), subject stated that he had become tired of "roughing it" in the jungles of Venezuela and had therefore resigned his position early this year. Now, after loafing for a few months, he was on the verge of going to the West coast to look for a job. He wished to know about working conditions within this Agency, stating that he was by no means a "Cloak and Dagger" man, and if the position with this Agency was such that he could not marry and lead a normal life, he wanted no part of it.

3. Subject claims he speaks fluent Ukrainian, some Russian, and enough Serbian to have acted as an interpreter for Yugoslavs during World War II. After being questioned more closely, he admitted that he was not fluent in Ukrainian, but he certainly could get by, and with a little study he felt certain he would become fluent in this language. Since the subject did not strike the undersigned as a paragon of brilliance, and since the policy of this Agency is to hire only top-flight individuals, the undersigned made no commitments outside of telling the subject that he would have to undergo certain tests. Upon returning to Washington the undersigned attempted to line up a testing program for the 21st and 22nd of August. This, however, was impossible because of the time factor. When the undersigned called the subject on the telephone, as agreed upon, the subject had already left for the West coast.

4. It is quite apparent that the subject is not interested in a position with this Agency and that he would rather work in the oil business.

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